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Greentown robbery suspect in custody

25-year-old man charged Friday

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A suspect in Sunday's robbery of Huck's Convenience Store has been arrested, said Howard County Sheriff Steve Rogers Friday afternoon.

Cody Gilbert, 25, Greentown, was charged Friday with robbery resulting in bodily injury, which is a Level 3 felony.

The warrant was issued out of Howard Circuit Court. Bond has been set at \$35,000.

Greentown Marshal Jeff Bennett and Howard County sheriff's deputies were called to the store at 515 W. Main St., Greentown, shortly before 5 a.m. Sunday.

The store's clerk told police a white male wearing a mask entered the store, pointed a gun at him and demanded money from the register. The masked man also demanded several cartons of cigarettes before leaving the store, the sheriff's department reported.

According to police reports, Gilbert was arrested at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the 1600 block of East Markland Avenue on an initial charge of resisting law enforcement.

Rogers said more information on the case would be available early next week. In all, there have been three decidedly similar robberies in Howard County this week.

Howard County sheriff's deputies were called to the Village Pantry at the Point on West Sycamore Street on a report of an armed robbery at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday. The suspect was described as a white male possibly wearing a gray sweatshirt.

About three hours later, Kokomo police were called to the Village Pantry at Lincoln and Albright roads to a similar call. There, the suspect armed with a handgun demanded cash and cigarettes and fled the store on foot.

The suspect in the city case was described as a white male with a thin build, standing about 5 feet 6 inches tall. He was last seen wearing a blue striped hooded sweatshirt heading into Lincolnwood Apartments. No injuries were reported in those robberies.

No additional information was immediately available as to any possible connections to these other two incidents.

Rogers said the case remains active and anyone with information is asked to contact the Howard County Sheriff's Department Criminal Investigations Section at 765-456-2031, Ext. 247.

Tribune crime reporter Mike Fletcher also contributed to this story.

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